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SUBJECT:ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS -- OECD
CONSULTATIONS

REFS: (A) USUN 866; (B) STATE 54799

1. FYI. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 10 DANES, AS CURRENT EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY PRESIDENT, FORMALLY ADVISED USDEL THAT EC DELS
HAD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT IT WAS IMPRACTICAL TO PARTICI-
PATE IN OECD CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE APRIL 3 RESUMPTION
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OF THE WORKING GROUP. HE EMPHASIZED SHORT SPAN OF TIME
BETWEEN TWO MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP AND THE NEED FOR
EC DELS TO CONSULT IN CAPITALS ON THEIR OWN POSITIONS AND
TO FORMULATE A COMMON EC POSITION. USDEL EXPRESSED DIS-
APPOINTMENT IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO SEEKING
CONSENSUS OF ALL OECD COUNTRIES ON BROAD OUTLINES OF AN
AGREEMENT PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF THE WORKING GROUP. WE

INDICATED USG WOULD RESPOND AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH WASHINGTON.

2. IN OUR VIEW A KEY REASON FOR EC POSITION IS NEED TO COORDINATE VIEWS ON FRENCH PROPOSED TREATY (REFTEL A) WHICH WAS NOT COORDINATED IN ADVANCE WITH OTHER EC DELS AND GOES BEYOND WHAT SOME OF THEM CAN SUPPORT. FURTHER, FRENCH, FRG AND POSSIBLY OTHER EC DELS ARE NOT EAGER TO HAVE OECD DELS FOCUS ON U.S. PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF FIRM EC POSITION AND POSSIBILITY THAT EC CONSULTATIONS MIGHT PRODUCE SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN FRENCH TEXT OF INTEREST TO U.S., WE WILL NOT PRESS FOR CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS AS SCHEDULED. END FYI.

3. REQUEST USOECD TO ADVISE SECRETARIAT AND OTHER MISSIONS THAT CONSULTATIONS WILL NOT GO FORWARD AS PLANNED BECAUSE EC DELS ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO PARTICIPATE. OTHER ACTION POSTS SHOULD PROVIDE HOST GOVERNMENTS WITH SAME INFORMATION AND INDICATE THAT U.S. (1) LOOKS FORWARD TO AD HOC CONSULTATIONS WITH OECD DELS PARTICIPATING IN ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON APRIL 3 OR 4, (2) THAT WE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON THE OUTLINE OF AN AGREEMENT CIRCULATED BY USDEL IN NEW YORK IN ADVANCE OF WORKING GROUP MEETING AND (3) THAT USDEL IS PREPARED TO HOLD INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK WITH THOSE REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS INFORMED ON THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBJECT WHO WILL BE PRESENT IN NEW YORK OVER THE NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS EITHER AS PART OF UN MISSIONS OR FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON A CODE OF CONDUCT.

4. FOR USUN: WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SHORTLY CONCERNING NEW YORK CONSULTATIONS. AMONG OTHERS, WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH HORIUCHI OF JAPAN AND LEVY OF SWITZERLAND. VANCE

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